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# CalClim:

## Access to California Climate Data and Products

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# **Elements of CalClim – Initial Efforts**

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**Access to climate data and products and information  
California Climate Data Archive (CCDA)**

**Monitoring climate variability and change in California**

***California Climate Watch* online newsletter**

**California Coastal Climate Data Archive**

# **Partners**

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**California Climate Change Center**

**Scripps Climate Research Division**

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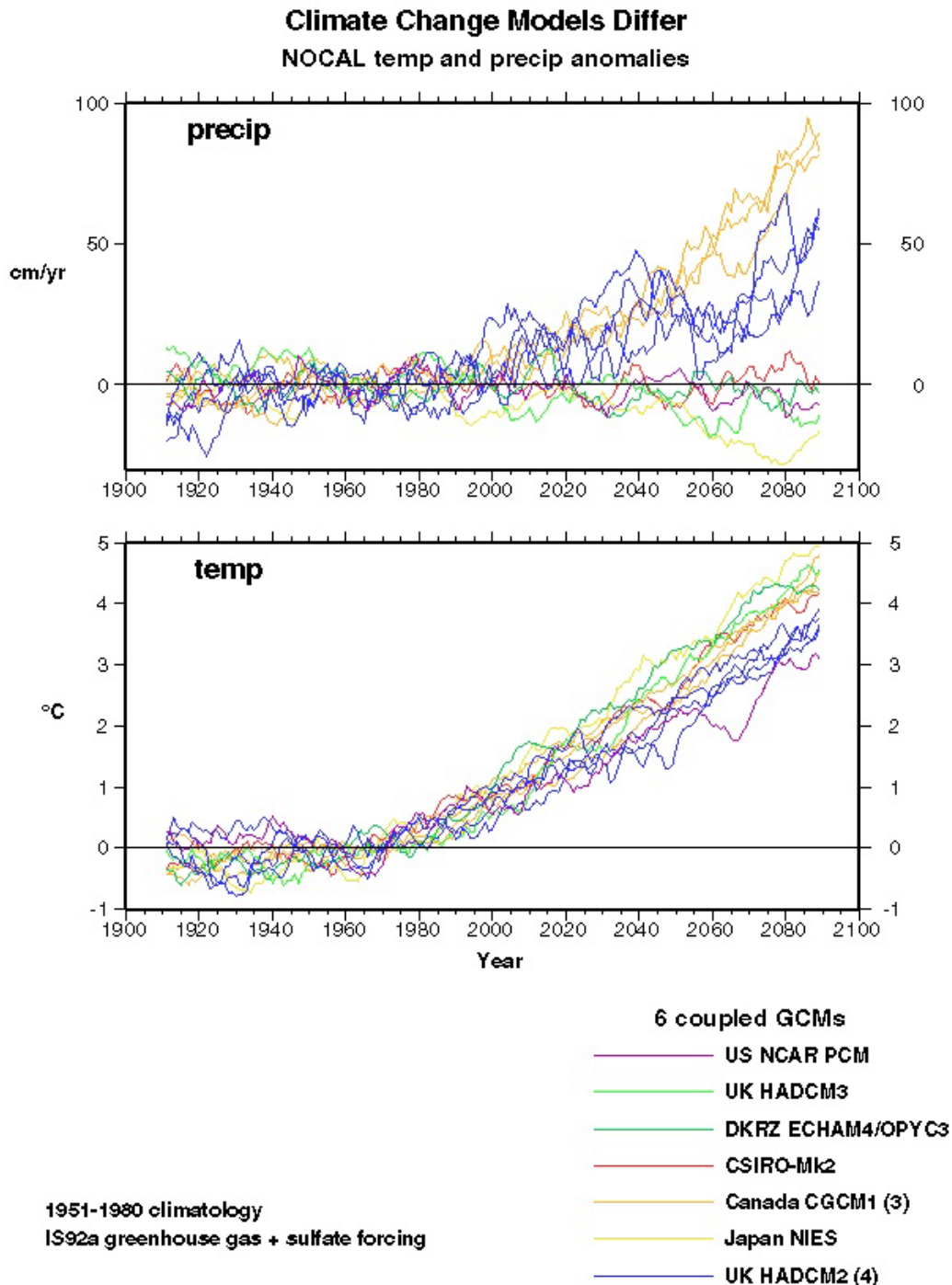
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# Six models, 12 opinions, for Northern California. 1900-2100

Precipitation

Temperature

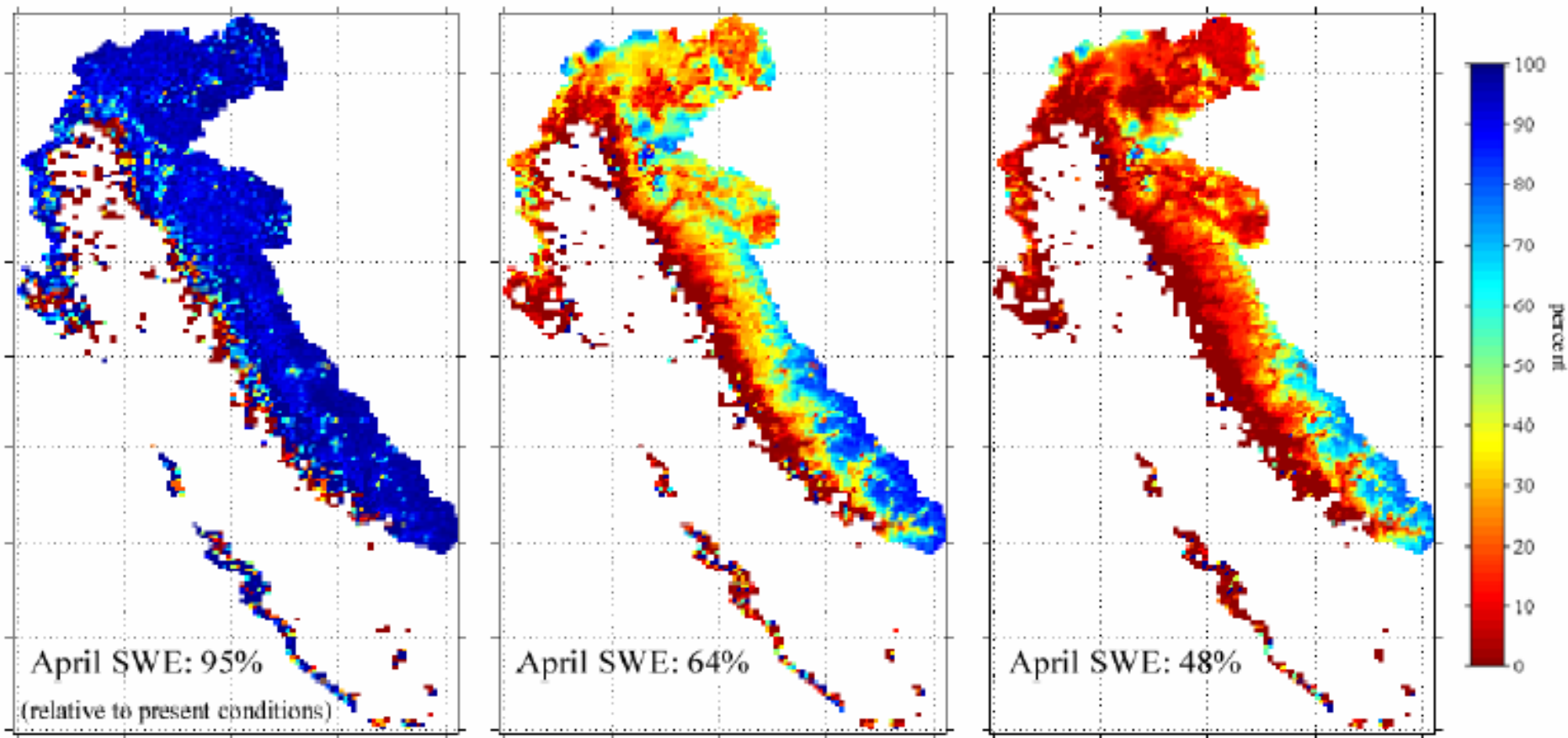


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2030 SWE

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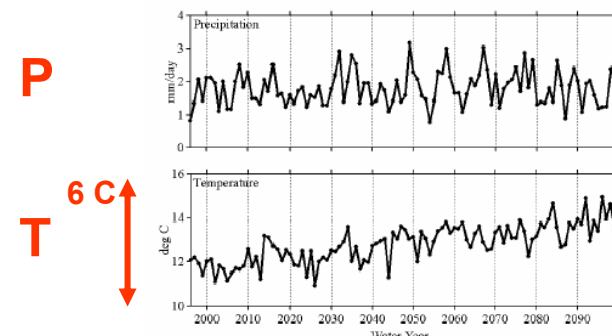
2090 SWE



**Figure 3.** Simulated snow water equivalent (SWE) under a projected temperature increase for the periods 2020-2039, 2050-2069 and 2080-2099, expressed as a percentage of average present conditions.

**Potential effects of global warming on the Sacramento / San Joaquin watershed and the San Francisco estuary**

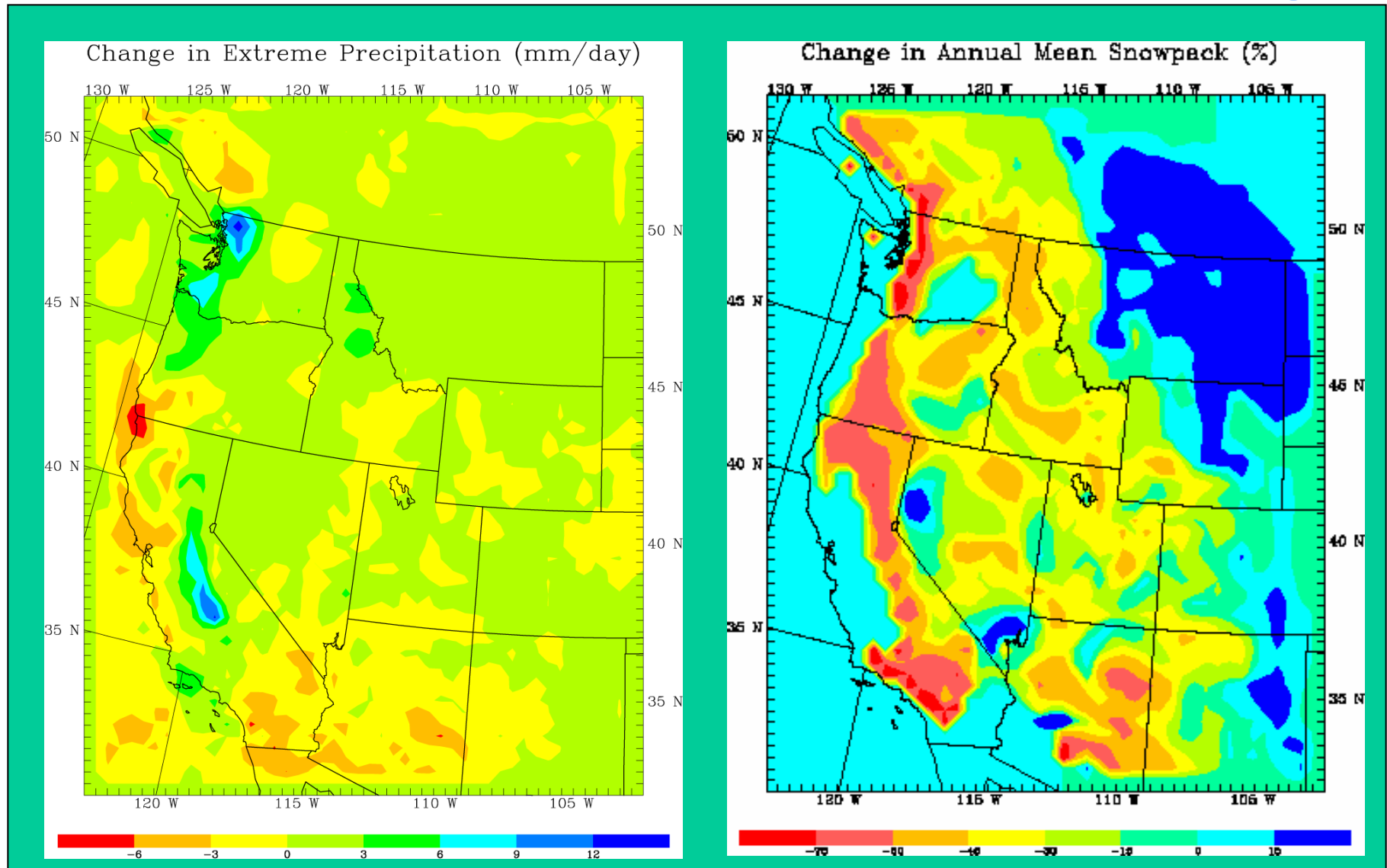
**Noah Knowles and Dan Cayan, Climate Research Division, Scripps Institution of Oceanography**



**Figure 2.** PCM-simulated watershed-averaged annual precipitation and temperature for WY 1995-2099.

April 1 Snow Water Equivalent on right.

# Extreme Precipitation / Snowpack Changes



**Question:**

**Is California “participating” in climate change ?**

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**If so, how ?**

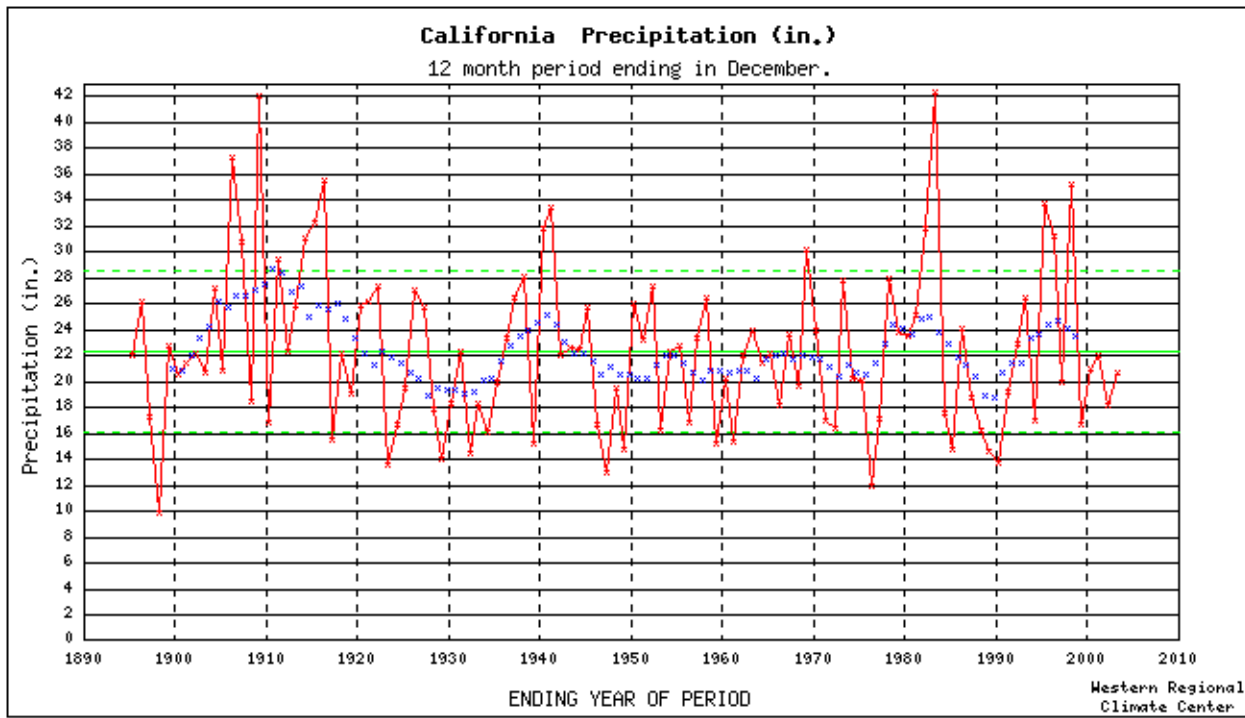
**How would we know ?**



## 344 U.S. Climate Divisions Monthly 1895-Present

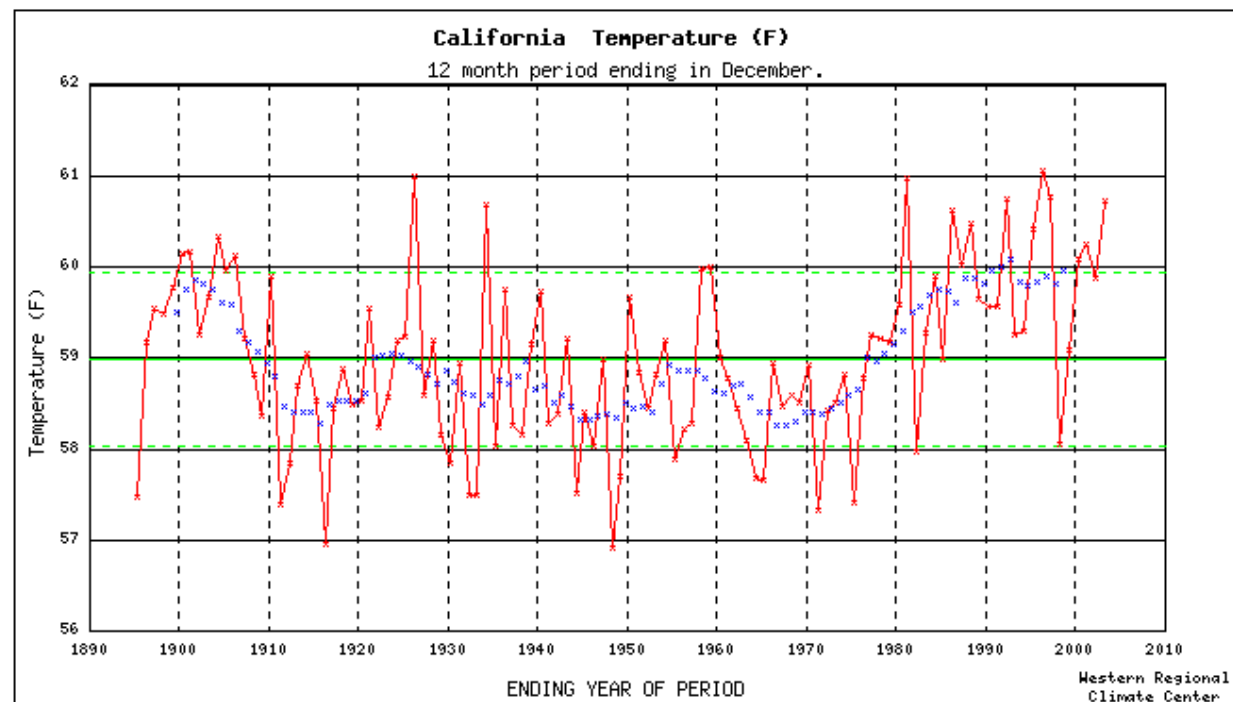


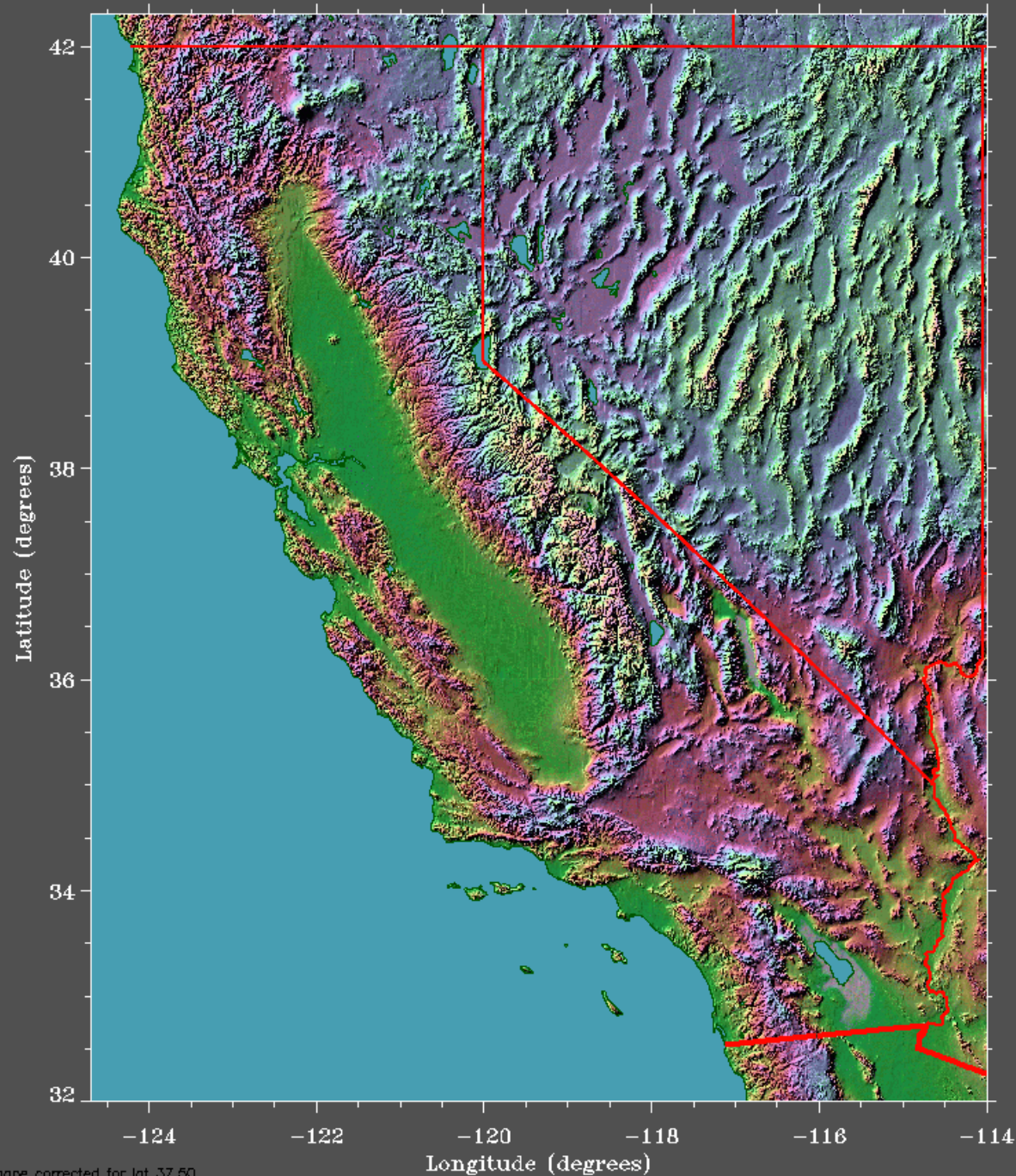
# California Statewide Precipitation 1895-2003



red - 12 month period

# California Statewide Temperature 1895-2003





**Does this:**



**Capture this ?**

**More details, please !**



Darwin Glacier, Kings Canyon National Park  
August 14, 1908



**Darwin  
Glacier**

**1908**

August 2, 2003



**2003**

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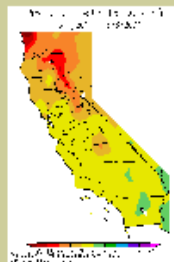
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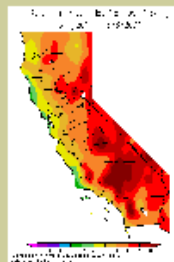
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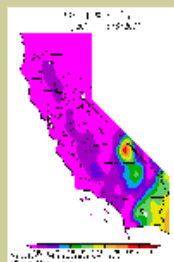
### Current Climate Maps:



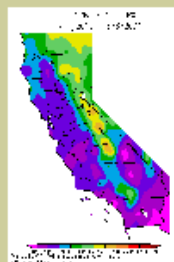
*Month-to-date Precipitation Anomaly*



*Month-to-Date Departure from Average Temperature Anomaly*



*Cooling Degree Days since Jan 1*



*Heating Degree Days since Jul 1*

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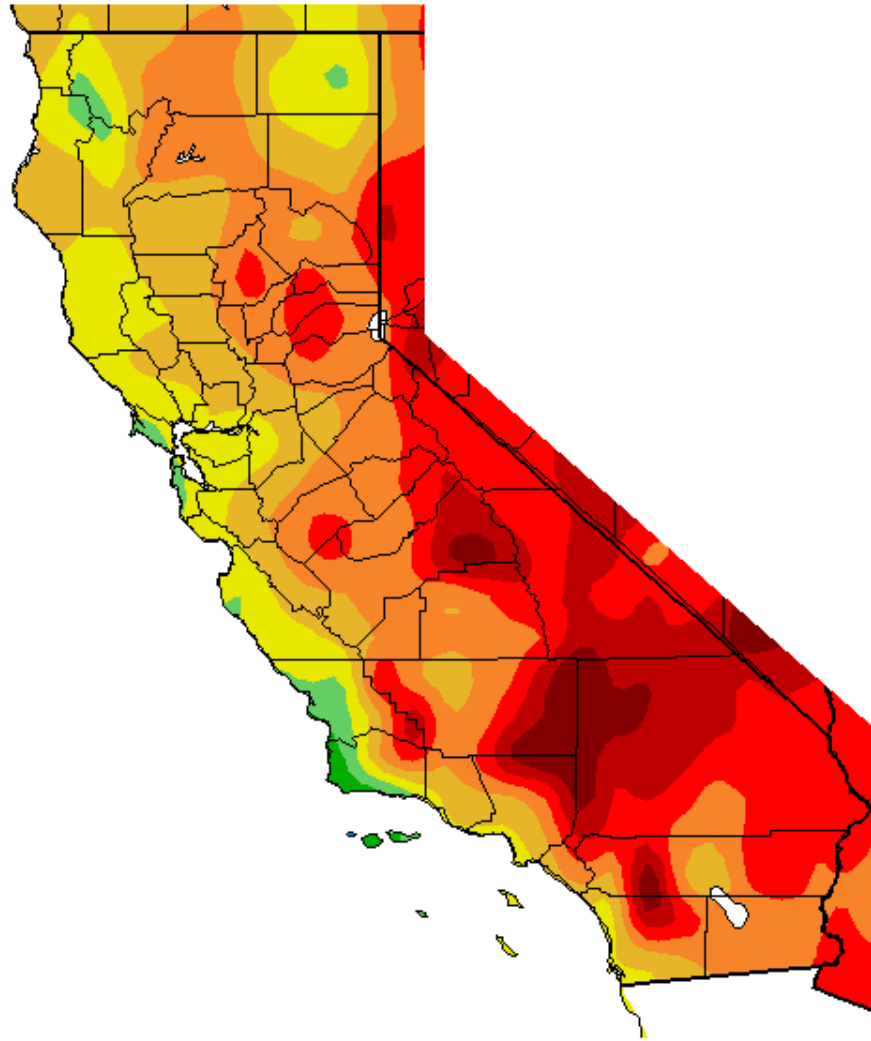
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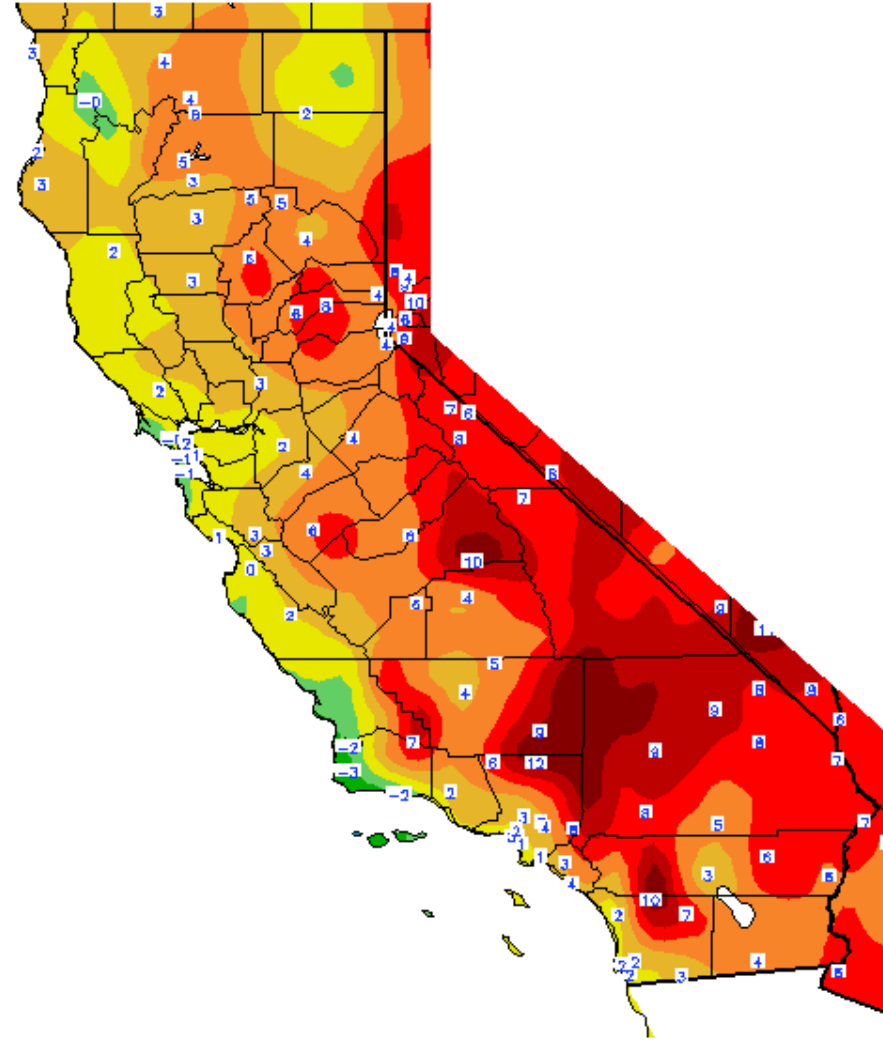
[SITE MAP](#)

Ave. Temperature dep from Ave (deg F)  
6/1/2004 - 6/7/2004



Generated 6/08/2004 at WRCC using provisional data.

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6/1/2004 - 6/7/2004



Generated 6/08/2004 at WRCC using provisional data.

**Approximately 650 maps for California, updated daily.**

# California Climate Data Archive

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**COMING SOON:** Daily COOP  
Data Download Tool

Move cursor over a dot to see the station name and network. Click on a station to view available data and products.

Select a network map to  
view available stations:

## Northern California

- NWS Cooperative (COOP)
- SNOTEL
- RAWS
- Surface Airways (SAO)/METAR
- CIMIS
- CDEC
- NOAA buoys
- All Networks

## Central California

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- CIMIS
- CDEC
- NOAA buoys
- All Networks

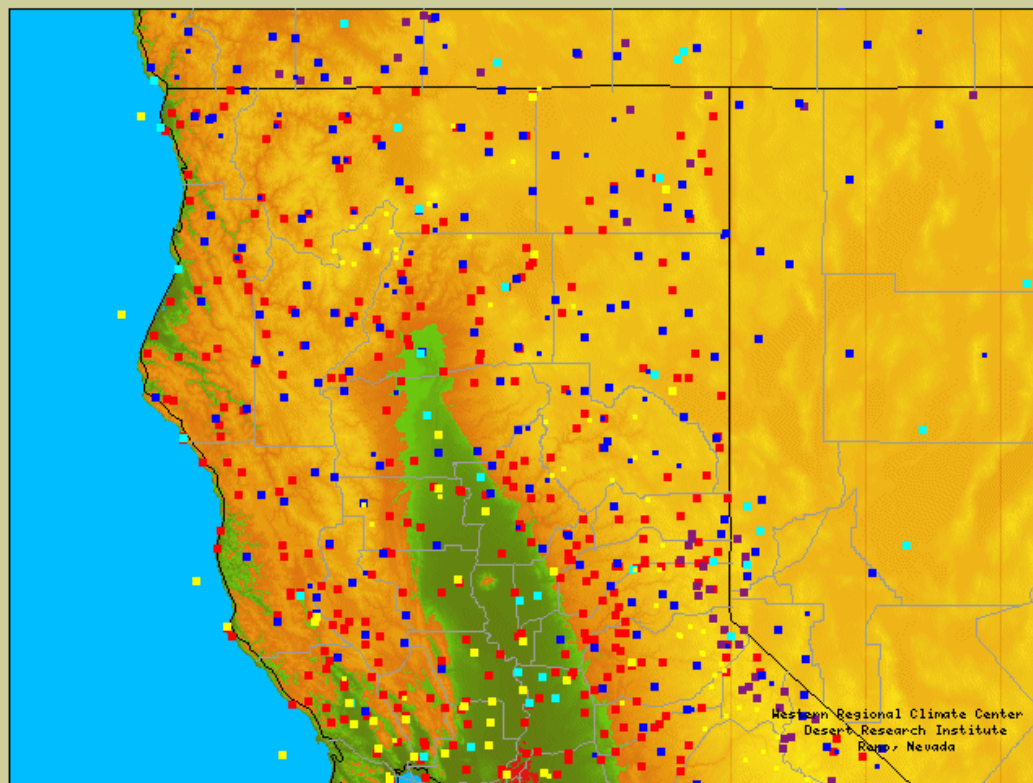
## Southern California

- NWS Cooperative (COOP)
- RAWS
- Surface Airways (SAO)/METAR
- CIMIS
- CDEC
- NOAA buoys
- All Networks

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(updated daily)

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COOP stations have priority if they are co-located with a station from another network. Please select an individual network on the left.

If you need data from a station or network that is currently unavailable or have questions, use this [Feedback/Request Form](#).

COLOR KEY:

RED = NWS COOP

PURPLE = SNOTEL

DARK BLUE = RAWS

LIGHT BLUE = SURFACE AIRWAYS

YELLOW = MISC (CURRENTLY CIMIS, CDEC, BUOYS)

# Summary of the Day Data Lister ([SOD-TD3200](#))

Available data: Period of Record.

Select the station:

040006 ABBOTT MINE CALIFORNIA

Start Date (YYYYMMDD): 20031001

End Date (YYYYMMDD): 20040609

For Period of available data, check the [station inventory](#)

## Password Access to data listing

[Raw Data](#) access policy.

### Select Elements to List:

- ☒ Elements 1-5
- ☐ 1 - Max. Temperature
- ☐ 2 - Min. Temperature
- ☐ C - Ave. Temperature
- ☐ 3 - Precipitation
- ☐ 4 - Snowfall
- ☐ 5 - Snow Depth
- ☐ C - Heating Degree Days
- ☐ C - Cooling Degree Days
- ☐ C - Growing Degree Days (base 40)
- ☐ C - Growing Degree Days (base 50)

C - Calculated element

Get Listing.

Units: ☒ English ☐ Metric

Output Format: ☐ Delimited (.dat) ☐ Columnar (.txt) ☐ Excel (.xls) ☒ html (.html)

Field Delimiter: ☒ comma (,) ☐ colon (:) ☐ pipe (|) ☐ space ( ) ☐ tab (^t)

Include Data Flags: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Include Data Flags Description: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Sub interval windows:

[Examples](#) of Sub interval windows use.

Select the

Starting Date:

Month Day

January 01

Select the

Ending Date:

Month Day

December 31 (inclusive)

Disclaimer: As with all summarizing products, understanding the nature of the original data is important to understand the results of the summarized product. Any questions about the nature of the original data or the instrumentation used to collect the original data may be directed to the

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#### Weekly Products:

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[National Agriculture Statistics Service/Weekly Weather & Crop Bulletin](#)  
[Drought Monitor](#)  
[CDEC Executive Update of Hydrologic Conditions](#)  
[CPC ENSO \(El Nino/Southern Oscillation\) Update](#)

#### Monthly Products:

[West-wide Precipitation Summaries](#)  
[CDEC Water Supply Conditions Narrative Summary](#)  
[CPC ENSO Discussion](#)  
[CPC Long-lead climate outlooks \(discussion & maps\)](#)

#### January through June snow products:

[Snow Course monthly measurements from CDEC](#)

#### Other Sources and Products:

[Climate Diagnostics Center \(CDC\)](#)  
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# California Climate Watch

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May 2004

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### Summary of the Month

The Golden State was again warmer and drier than average in May 2004, continuing the statewide trends for the third month in a row. The average temperature was 63.8 degrees, 1.6 above normal. Maximum temperatures were almost 2 degrees above average and minimum temperatures were just more than 1 degree over May's average.

Statewide precipitation was well below average for the month. Northern portions of the state fared better than the south, averaging more than 90% of normal in the Sacramento drainage. No precipitation was recorded in most Southland locations, signaling the start of the dry season.

May 14 brought record heat, with 116 record high temperatures set in the 4 day period. 102 of those records were in the southern regions. A sample of records on the 3rd include: 113 at Death Valley, 107 at Needles, 105 at Blythe and 104 at Imperial. Further north, temperatures reached the century mark at Bakersfield (101) and Fresno (100) on the 4th.

The first week of the month went out with a bang with thunderstorms in the north. Precipitation for the weekend of May 7-9 totaled over one inch in some locations, including 1.28 at Lassen Lodge and 1.17 at Stouts Meadow. 3.84 inches were reported for the 3-day period in Mineral after heavy thunderstorms on the 7th.

Mid-month brought little activity weather-wise, with little or no precipitation falling in most regions and near-to above-average temperatures.

Starting on the 17th, rain was again welcomed to NorCal, and temperatures started falling.

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### What is California's Coastal Future?

By Laura Edwards

Pacifica, California, was the center of attention in early 1998 as ENSO storms roared through, erasing more than 30 feet of property for some cliff-side residents in a brief two week period. Ten homes were "red-flagged" and considered unsafe for habitation. Average coastal erosion rates in this region of central California had been 2 feet per year for almost 50 years previous to this event. Will this episodic coastal erosion plague California in the future?



LEFT: Pacifica, CA coastline, January 8, 1998.  
[http://walrus.wr.usgs.gov/el\\_nino/coastal/pacifica.html](http://walrus.wr.usgs.gov/el_nino/coastal/pacifica.html)

Sea-cliff erosion rates in California average 0 to more than 30 cm per year (1), but in the winter of 1997-98 ENSO enhanced typical storminess and high tides altered the cliffs and beaches. Several

studies have shown that "the majority of sea-cliff erosion occurs during infrequent, energetic storm events" (1), such as during ENSO.

The costs of coastal and beach erosion are high. 86%, or 946 miles, of California's coastline is actively eroding. With 80% of the state's population living less than 50 km from the coast (2), there are a large number of homes and businesses at risk of being lost to the sea in the next 60 years. In addition, 32 million out-of-state vacationers head to the Pacific beach annually, bringing in billions of dollars of revenue (2). As a result of population growth and an ever-growing number of visitors, local, regional and state government have taken several measures to maintain beaches and coastal areas, including beach nourishment plans.

RIGHT: Pacifica, CA coastline, February 17, 1998.  
[http://walrus.wr.usgs.gov/el\\_nino/coastal/pacifica.html](http://walrus.wr.usgs.gov/el_nino/coastal/pacifica.html)



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**Monthly online newsletter highlighting recent climate in California**

**Purpose: climate monitoring for all audiences**

**"Feature story" of a climate research topic, guest writers**

**Monthly weather summary by Bill Mork of California Dept. of Water Resources**

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1883

1985

February 2004

<http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/ccda/css/cssindex.html>

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## Summary of the Month

On February 2, Punxsutawney Phil predicted 6 more weeks of winter... as it turns out, he was right, at least where California is concerned. The month came and went with a bang, with DWR's North Sierra 8-station precipitation index ending the month at 14.4", 180% of average. Above average precipitation and lower than average temperatures were the trend for the month.

The first days of February brought a strong cold front that plowed through California, with heavy rain and winter storm warnings covering the state. Precipitation varied from 0.5 to over 3.5 inches for the 2-day event. Ojai tied a record low of 27, and Fresno and Bakersfield had record precipitation on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Glaciers as Climate Change Indicators



*20th century retreat. Photographs of the Dana Glacier, Sierra Nevada, California (3660 m, 37° 54' N, 119° 13' W) in 1883 (left) and 1985 (right) show how the glacier has retreated since the late 19th century.*

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*Science, Volume 288, Number 5470, Issue of 26 May 2000, p. 1353.*

### By Laura Edwards

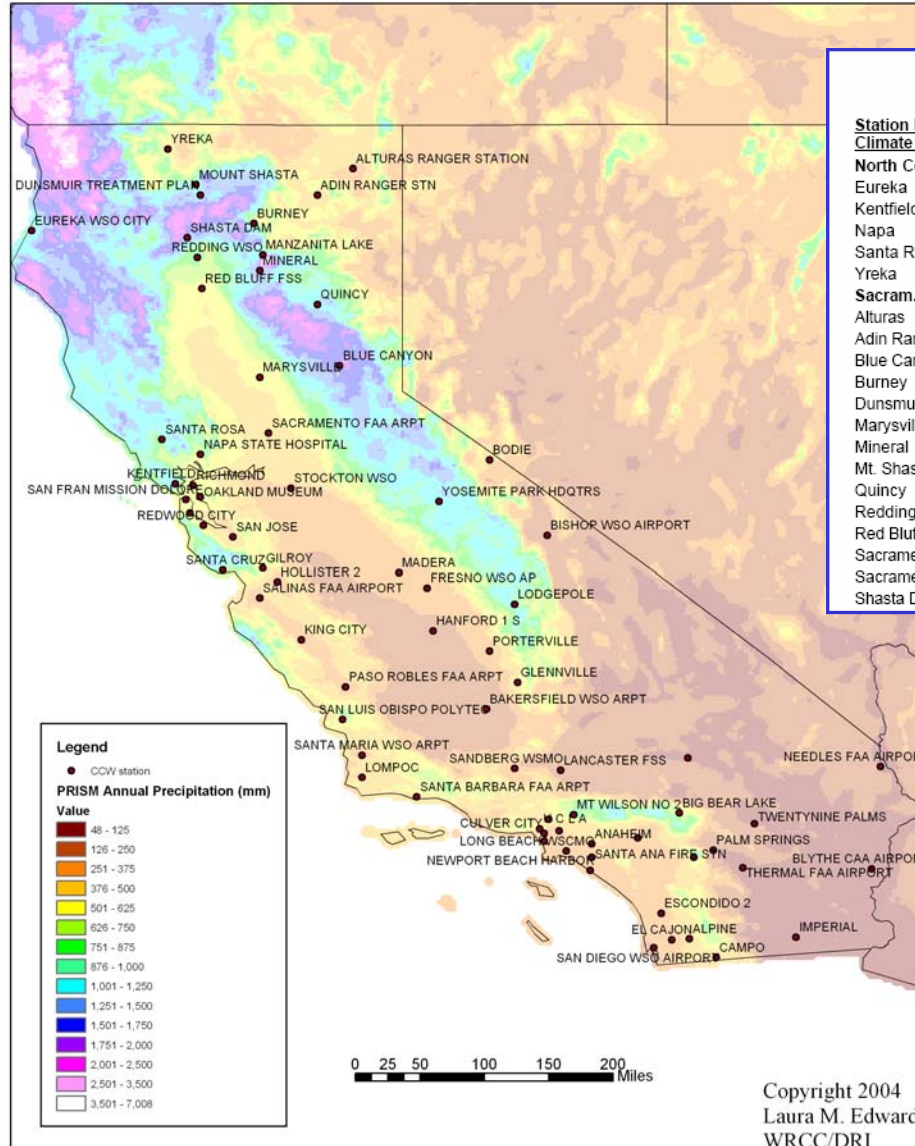
Whether or not California's climate is changing is a question to which many want the answer. One way in which climate can be monitored to aid in answering this question is through changes in the state's glaciers.



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## Climate Watch Stations



### May Station Data

*All data is provisional and subject to change.*

Station Name/ Climate Division	TA	DA	TX	DX	MGX	TN	DN	MGN	PMO	PDP	PCT	MGP
<b>North Coast</b>	<b>59.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>72.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>47.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>-0.66</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Eureka	56.7	3.1	63.2	3.6	1	50.2	2.6	1	1.37	-0.25	85	0
Kentfield	61.3	-1.2	72.3	-3.7	1	50.3	1.4	1	0.10	-1.10	8	1
Napa	63.3	1.2	76.3	0.9	1	50.2	1.4	1	0.05	-0.73	6	2
Santa Rosa	61.2	-0.3	74.6	0.4	1	47.7	-1.0	1	0.03	-0.80	4	1
Yreka	56.1	0.1	73.9	1.3	1	38.2	-1.2	1	0.75	-0.40	65	2
<b>Sacram. Drainage</b>	<b>59.9</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>74.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>45.6</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.70</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>0.79</b>
Alturas	51.4	0.0	67.9	-0.9	0	34.9	0.8	0	1.61	0.29	122	0
Adin Ranger Stn	53.3	0.0	68.7	0.9	0	37.9	-1.0	0	4.71	3.13	298	2
Blue Canyon	53.1	0.4	60.1	-0.9	0	46.1	1.8	0	1.27	-1.66	43	0
Burney	55.4	2.8	72.4	0.7	1	38.5	4.9	1	3.52	1.88	215	1
Dunsmuir Treatme	58.8	1.2	74.9	1.0	2	42.7	1.4	2	1.00	-1.55	39	3
Marysville	68.1	-0.4	83.5	0.8	0	52.6	-1.7	0	0.05	-0.71	7	0
Mineral	49.4	1.7	64.0	1.9	4	34.8	1.5	4	5.55	2.58	187	4
Mt. Shasta	54.7	1.5	68.6	1.3	0	40.8	1.8	0	1.35	-0.52	72	0
Quincy	56.0	0.4	73.0	-1.6	0	39.1	2.4	0	1.41	-0.12	92	1
Redding	68.2	2.0	81.8	1.1	0	54.5	2.9	0	1.24	-0.42	75	0
Red Bluff FSS	67.9	-0.1	82.1	0.3	0	53.7	-0.4	0	0.97	-0.12	89	0
Sacramento AP	66.9	1.5	80.8	0.8	0	52.9	2.0	0	0.17	-0.36	32	0
Sacramento City	68.6	0.7	82.5	0.9	0	54.7	0.6	0	0.08	-0.52	13	0
Shasta Dam	66.2	0.1	77.7	0.3	0	54.7	0.0	0	0.87	-1.93	31	0

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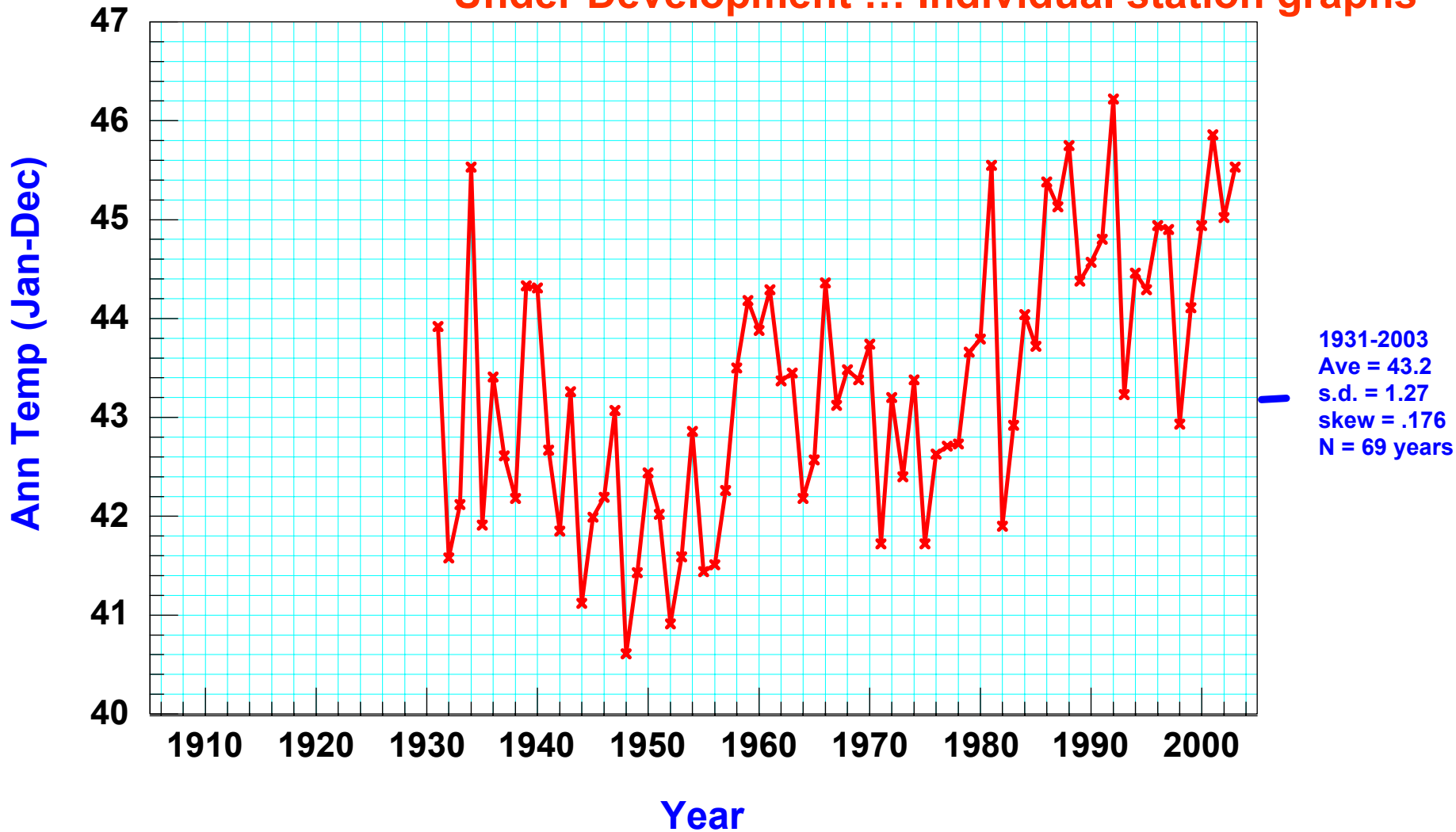
- Long history (at least 30 years)
- Reliable, quick data availability
- Location

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**Tahoe City, CA. Coop station. Mean Annual Temperature.**  
**Units: Degrees F.**

**Under Development ... Individual station graphs**



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## Coastal Weather & Climate

[NOAA's Coastal Services Center \(CSC\)](#)



# Data Sets

## NOAA

- Cooperative

- Surface Airways (NWS, FAA, ASOS, AWOS)

- Upper Air

- Coastal and buoys

## USDA Snotel

## Interagency RAWS

## Climate Reference Network

- Cal Dept Water Resources / Snow Survey & Precip

- Cal CIMIS (Cal Irrigation Management & Info System)

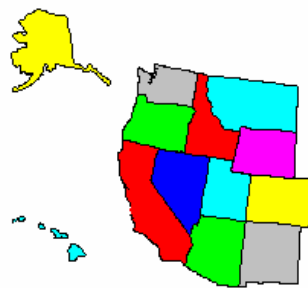
- Cal Air Resources Board and Air Quality Mgmt Districts

- Specialized mesonets and California projects

- Research data sets

- \*National Cooperative Mesonet – ISOS: Int Sfc Obs Sys

Derived, gridded, analyzed data under consideration



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## Historical Climate Information

Western U.S. Historical Summaries; Precipitation Maps; Station Inventories; Wind and Evaporation Data; Coastal Water Table; etc.

## WRCC Projects

El Nino & La Nina; CEMP; WET; BLM RAWS; Current Weather Plots; Photo Gallery; Webcam; etc.

## More Climate Information

Pricing and Formats; Solar Radiation (U of Oregon); Sunrise/Sunset Information (USNO); Divisional Climate Plots; etc.

## Non-WRCC Climate Resources

National Climatic Data Center; Climate Prediction Center; National Drought Mitigation Center; CEFA; etc.

## Current Observations and Forecasts

Nat'l Weather Service Current and Past 24-hour Reports; Snotel; Climate Prediction Center Outlooks; Satellite and Radar Imagery; etc.

## Climate Monitoring

Anomalies (Snotel & Airports); SPI; Product List; WGA data and information; etc.

## Educational and Travel Pages

Terms; More about Weather and Climate - for teachers and kids! Climate for resorts and Nat'l parks around the West.

## About the WRCC

Staff; Funding; Overview of WRCC; DRI Home Page; INTERNAL; etc.

**WRCC Supports a Three-Partner National Climate Services Program - the Partners Include:**

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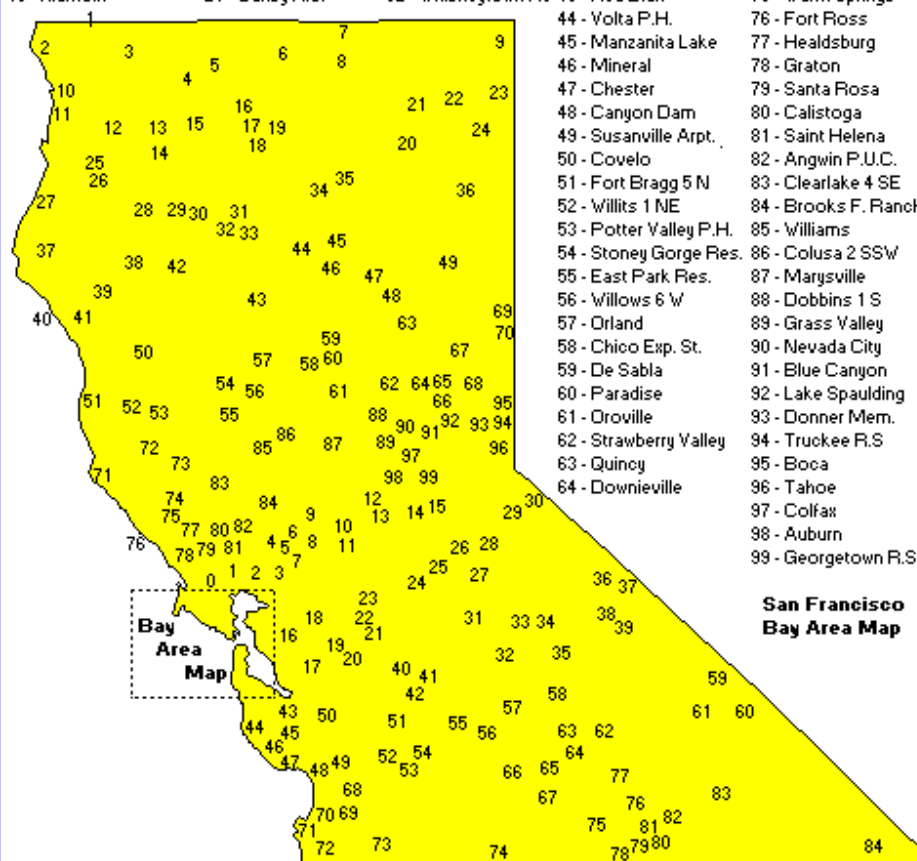
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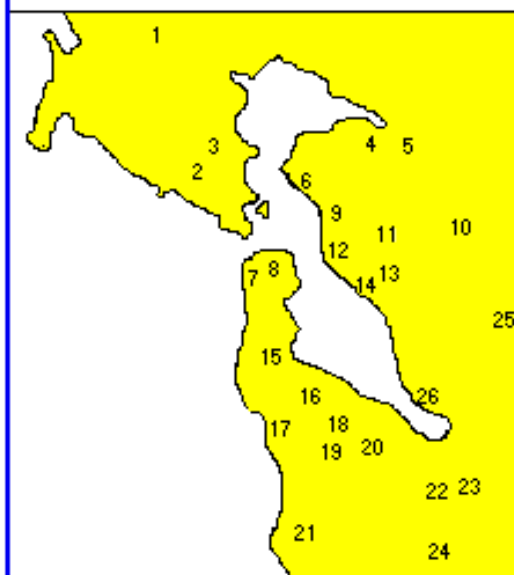
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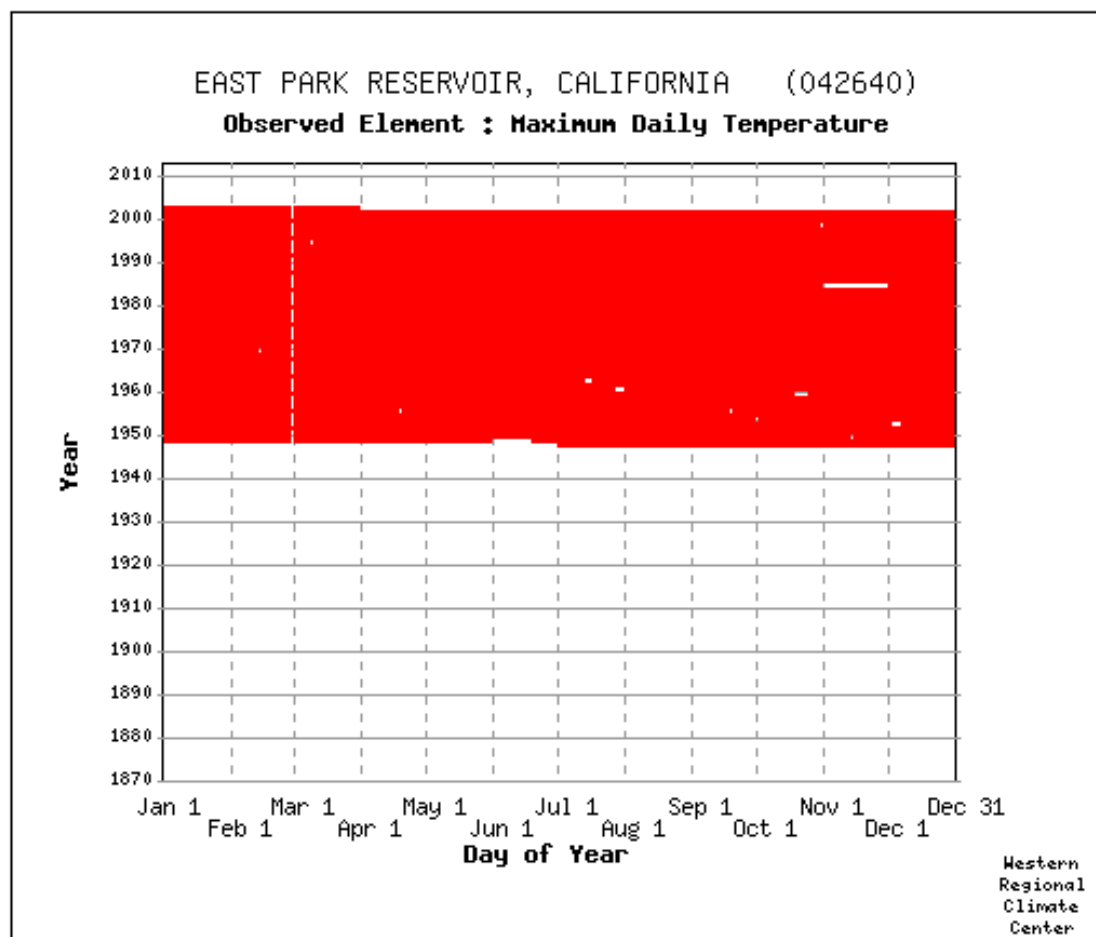
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# EAST PARK RESERVOIR, CALIFORNIA

## Station Metadata

Color indicates dates with an observation for the specific element.  
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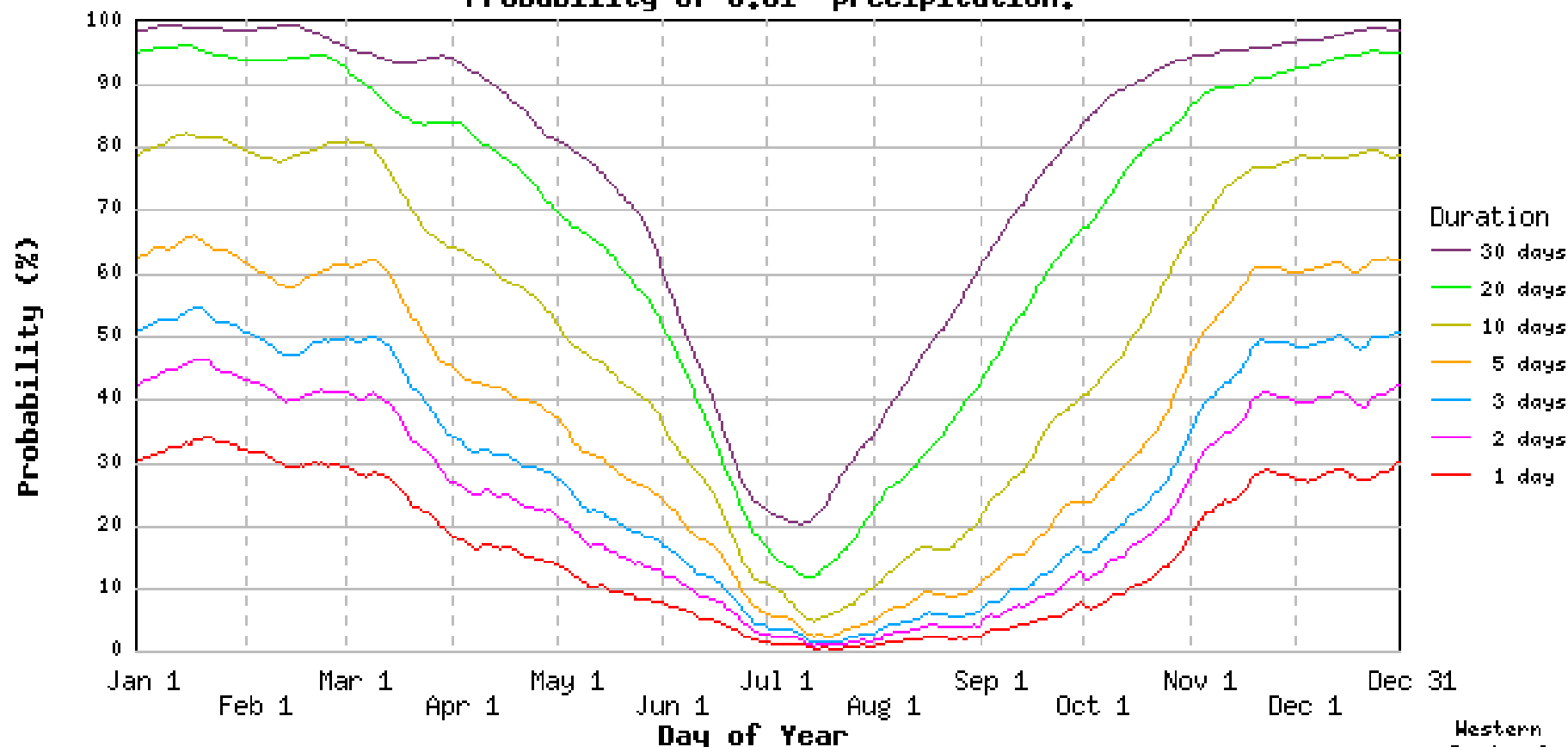
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# Precipitation Probability by Quantity

EAST PARK RESERVOIR, CALIFORNIA (042640)

Period : 7/ 1/1948 to 7/31/2003

Probability of 0.01" precipitation.



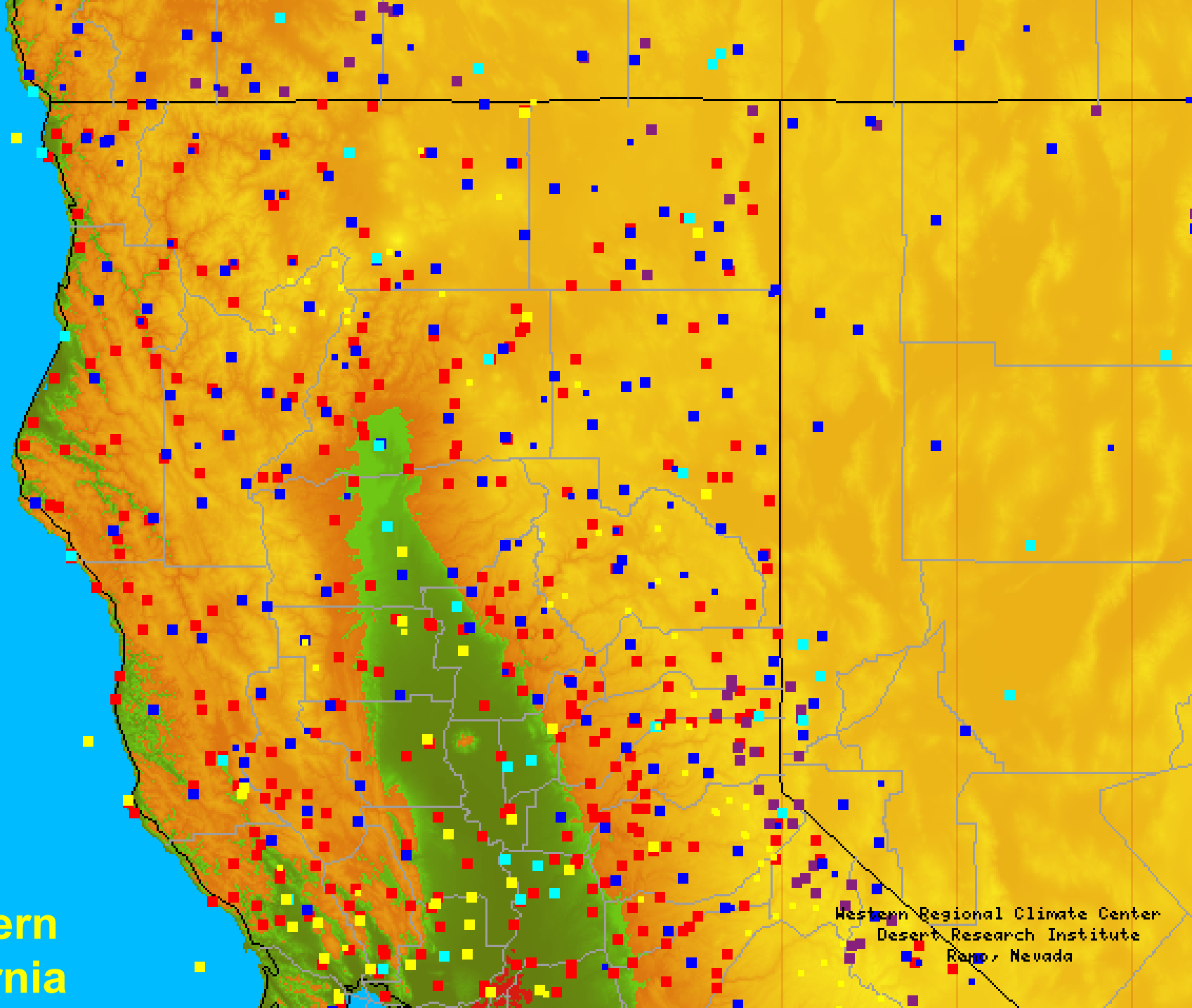
Probability of 0.01" precipitation during the indicated period starting on the plotted date. Smoothed with a 29-day running mean filter.

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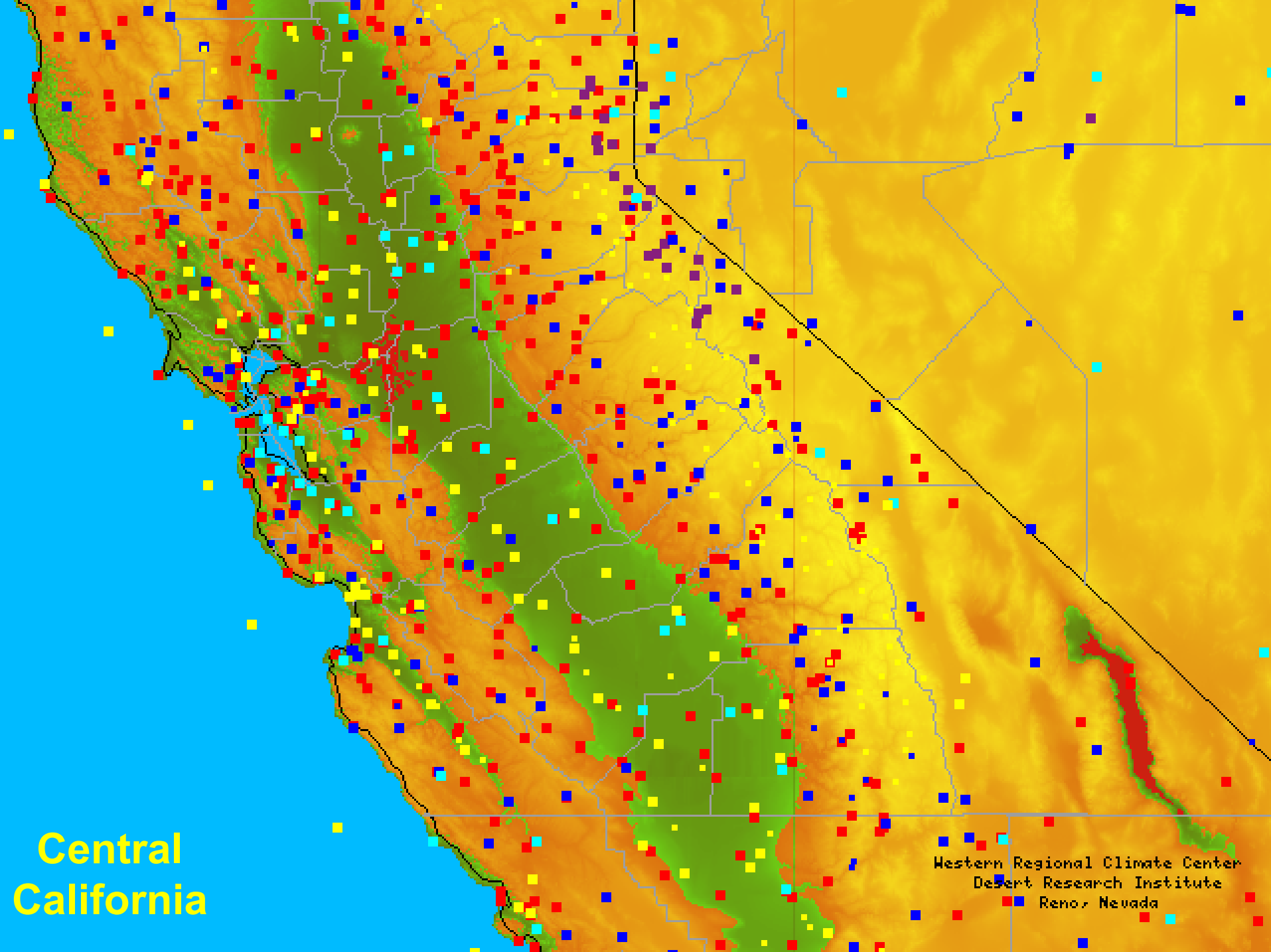
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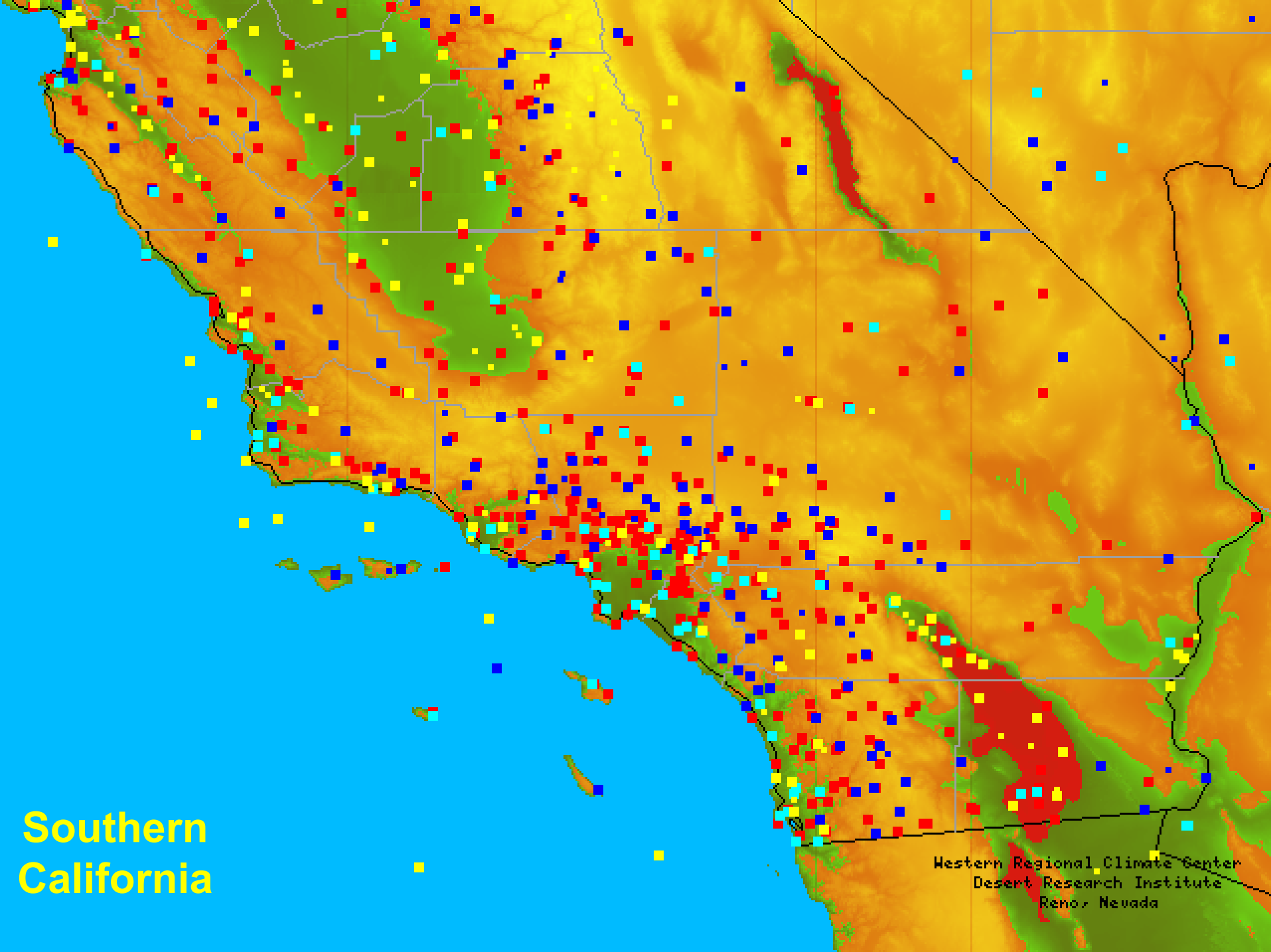
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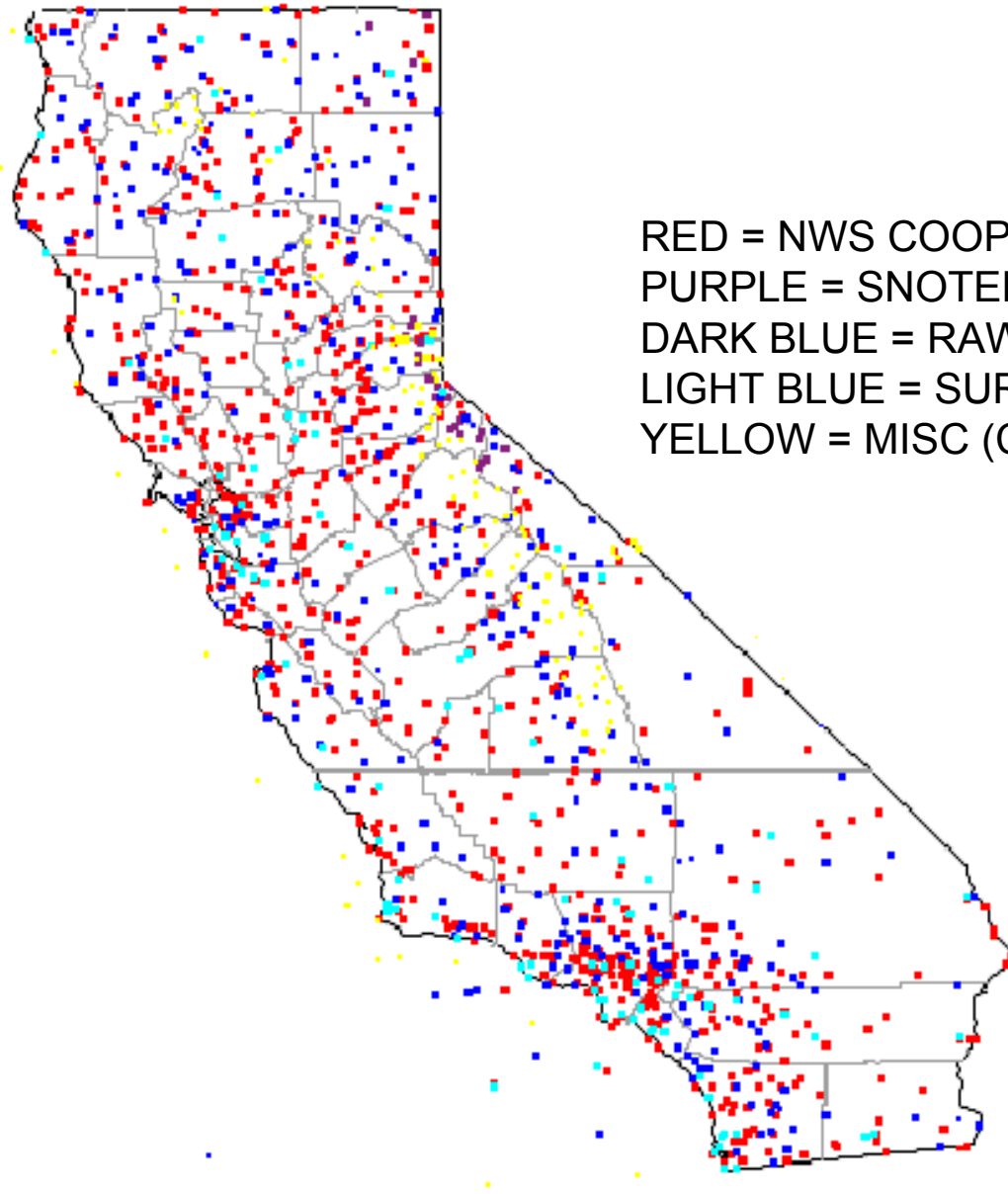
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**Southern  
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# Current Stations



RED = NWS COOP

PURPLE = SNOTEL

DARK BLUE = RAWS

LIGHT BLUE = SURFACE AIRWAYS

YELLOW = MISC (CURRENTLY CIMIS, CDEC, BUOYS)



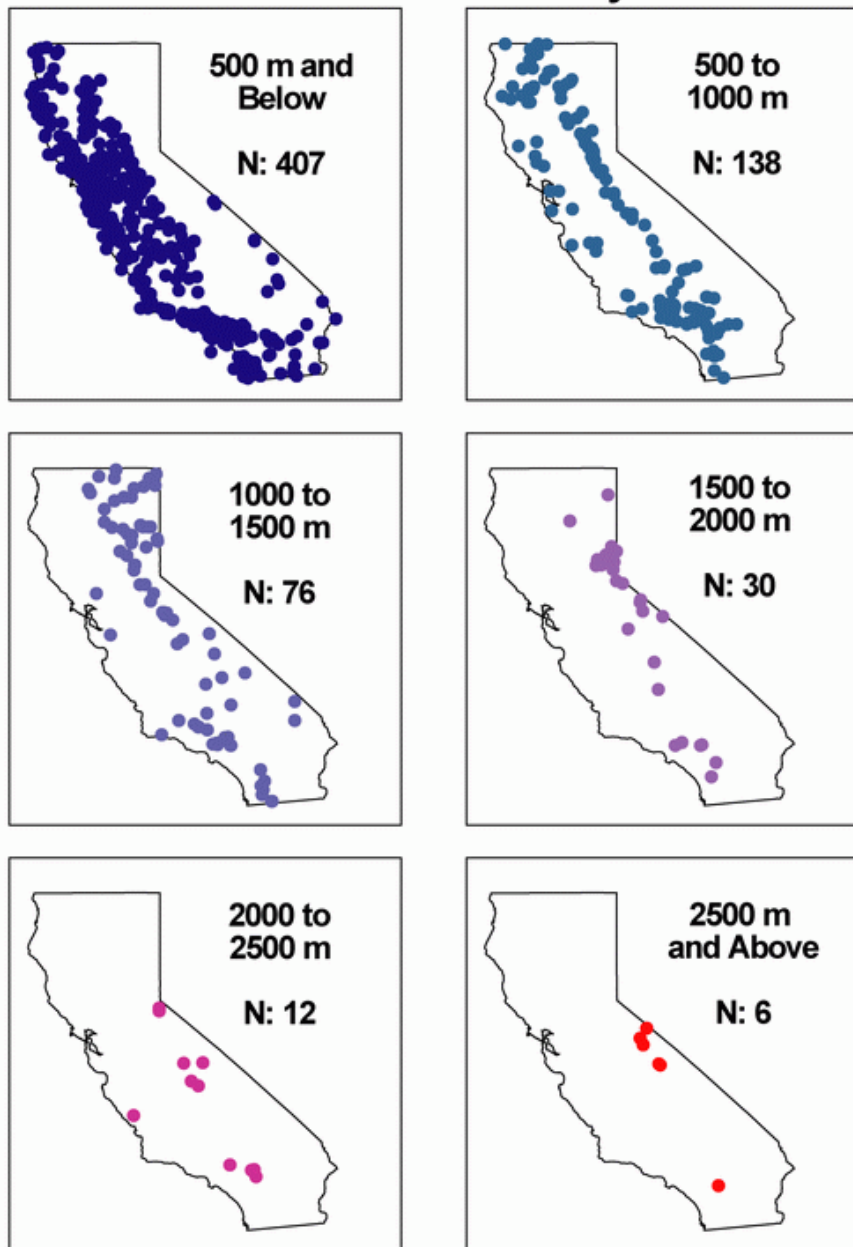




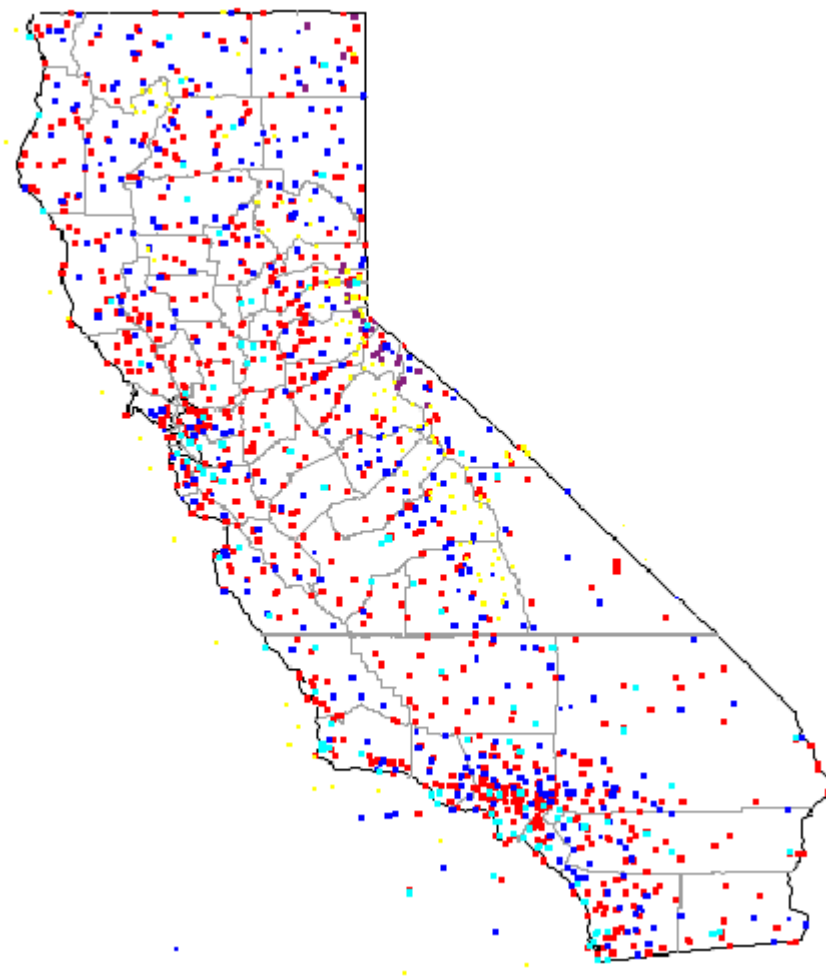




## California Precip Stations with at Least 10 Years of Record by Elevation



## A Need for High Elevation Sites



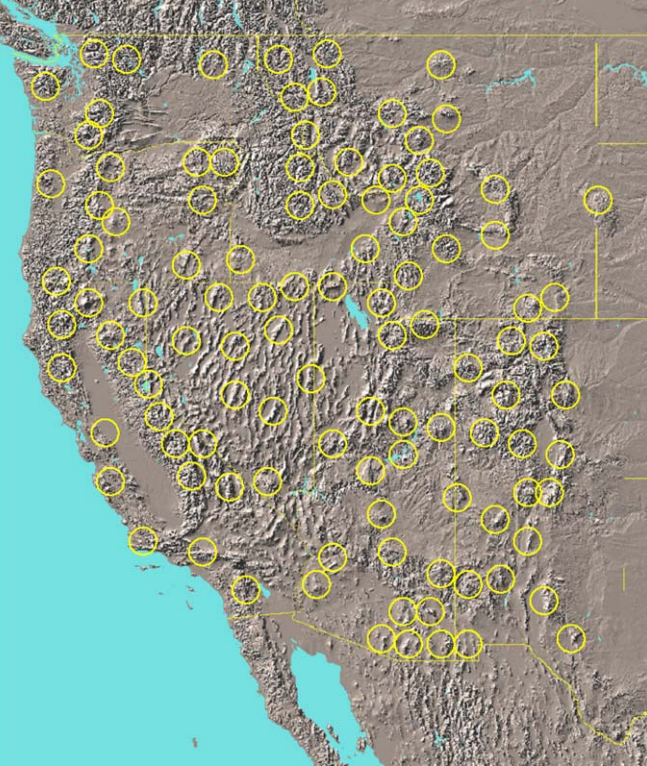
Left figure: Dan Cayan, Scripps  
Climate Research Division, California  
Applications Program



2003 March 10







# A High Elevation Reference Network



**White Mountain Summit 14,245 ft**

[www.wrcc.dri.edu/weather/wmtn.html](http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/weather/wmtn.html)





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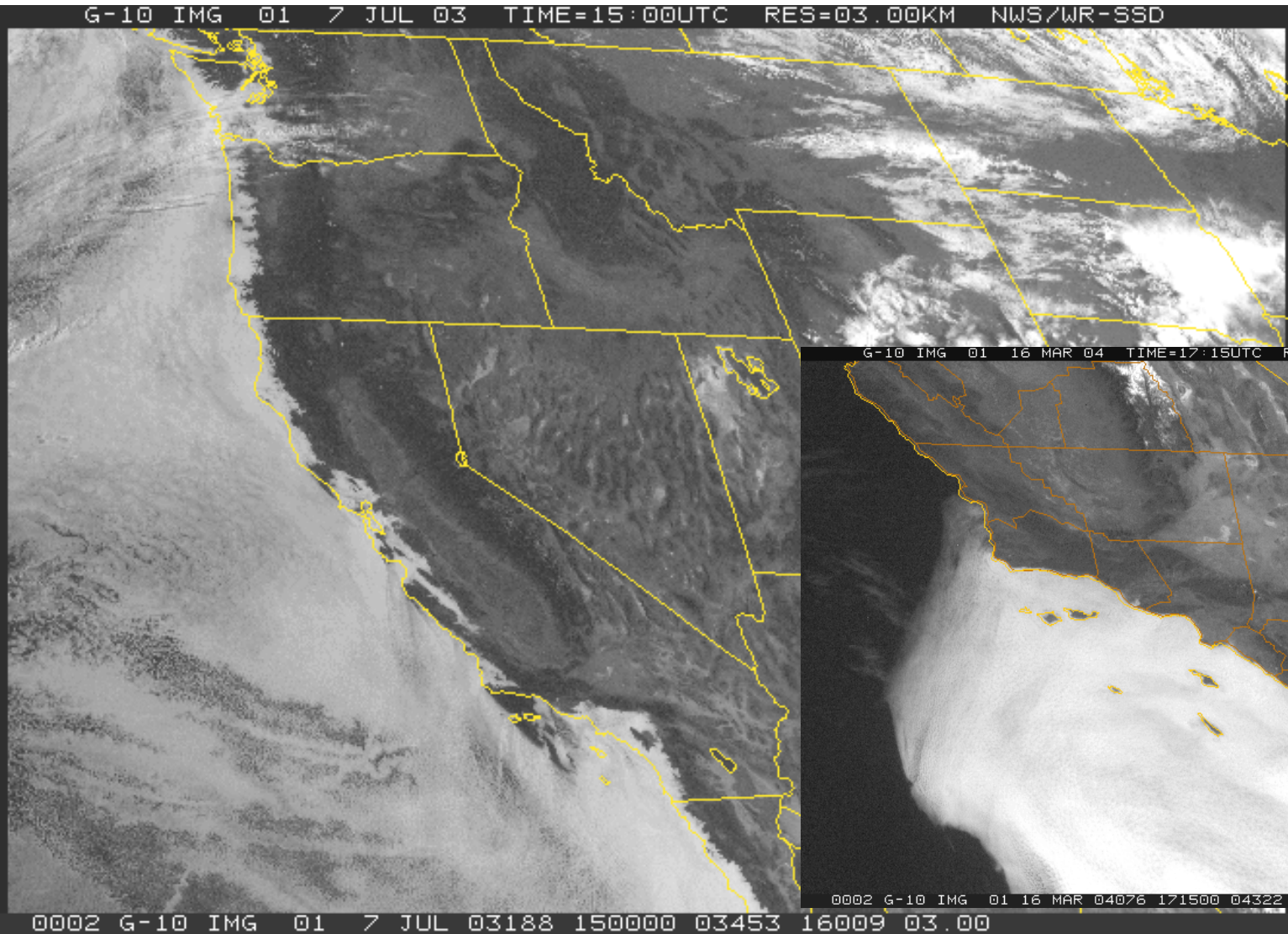


**Central Sierra Snow Lab**

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# What's so special about the coast?

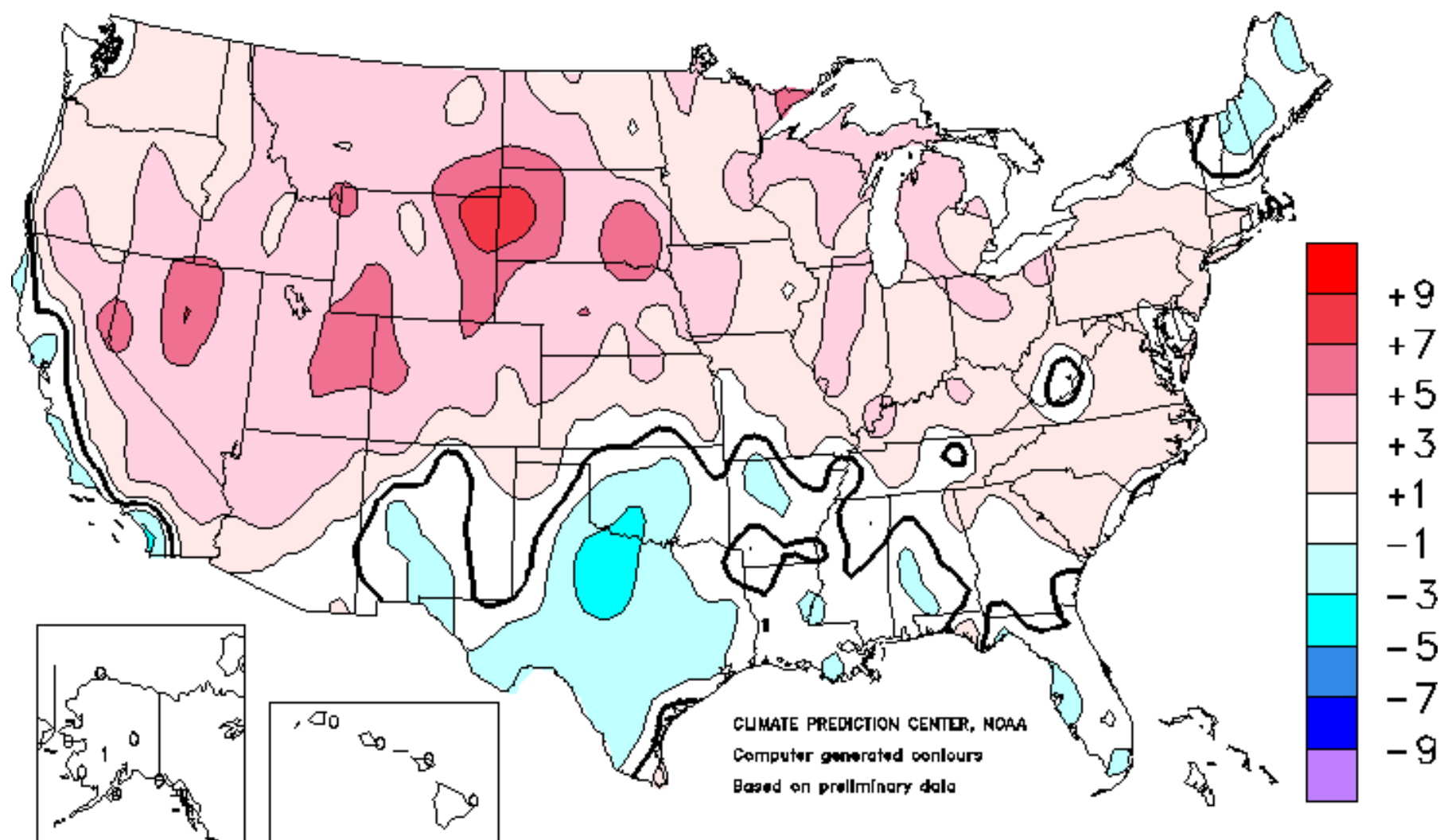


**Left:**  
**Visible Satellite**  
**Image**  
**July 15, 2003**  
**1500 GMT**

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**March 16, 2004**  
**1715 GMT**

# Departure of Average Temperature from Normal (°F)

July 2002



# **California Coastal Climate Data Archive**

**Joint effort with Scripps**

**NOAA Cooperative Sites**

**NOAA / FAA / Surface Airways**

**NOAA Data Buoys**

**NOAA CMAN – Coastal Marine Automated Network**

**Air quality, lighthouses, piers, local**

**Research data sets as available, profilers, etc**















**It's not easy to find a pristine observing location !**

**Every site has a bias of some sort.**



## **Related Projects**

**California Applications Program (NOAA, Scripps)**  
**California Coastal Climate Data Archive (CEC, Scripps)**  
**Enhanced California Climate Monitoring (CEC)**  
**Sierra Nevada Climate Monitoring (CEC, Scripps)**  
**Blue Oaks Paleoclimate (Calfed, UArk, UAz, Scripps)**  
**Climate Reference Network (NOAA)**  
**Yosemite Wireless (NSF, Scripps)**  
**RAWS QC (NIFC Boise)**  
**Base activities (NOAA, WRCC)**  
**Caljet/Pacjet program successor – SHARE (NOAA, \_\_?)**

# Summary and Future Directions



**Website up and running**

**Coop data now available; other networks to follow**

***California Climate Watch* posted by 8<sup>th</sup> of new month**

**Work in progress:**

**California Coastal Climate Data Archive**

**Enhanced California Climate Monitoring (ECCM)**

**Merge federal and state snow data sets**

**Climate data inventory for California**

**Feedback and ideas always welcome !**

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